

Monthly New England Public Health Teleconference Series

October 7, 2008

Time: 11:30 am – 1 pm

Room: 123

Topic: Safety program

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Agenda:

1. Describe the safety program at your facility
 - a. Safety Officer: full time or part time
 - b. Safety Committee: membership, meetings, authority, inspections
 - c. Safety SOPs:
2. Risk assessments
 - a. What risks are assessed? Biosafety, chemical safety
 - b. Who performs the assessments?
 - c. How often are they conducted?
 - d. What tools are used – in house developed risk assessment or commercial assessment tool?
3. Respiratory protection program
 - a. Who determines which tasks or laboratory areas require respiratory protection?
 - b. When respirators are required, who performs the fit testing?
 - c. What actions are taken in the laboratory environment before visitors (auditors, service representatives, visitors who are only there to see the facility) enter areas where respiratory protection is required?
 - d. What types of respirators are required for visitors?

December 2, 2008

Time: 11:30 am – 1 pm

Room: 133

Topic: Converting BSL 3 space back and forth between BSL3 and BSL 2 to meet different operational needs of the Laboratory

Featured Speaker: **Jonathan Y. Richmond, Ph.D.**, CEO of Jonathan Richmond & Associates Consultant to WHO Biosafety Program, and former Director of the Office of Health and Safety at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta

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Please **email your questions** to Peggy DiNatale by **November 12**. The questions will be collated and forwarded to Dr. Richmond prior to the conference call.